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SUBJ: PROPOSED COMSIXTHFLT VISIT

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1. I FULLY UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE COMSIXTHFLT'S DESIRE VISIT EGYPT AND SUEZ CANAL MINE CLEARING OPERATION, BUT REGRET I CANNOT AT THIS TIME CONCUR IN PROPOSED VISIT. AS YOU KNOW, SECRETARY KISSINGER IS CURRENTLY IN THE AREA CONDUCTING HIGHLY DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS. THE ARRIVAL OF A SENIOR US NAVAL OFFICER IN EGYPT NOW COULD BE MISCONSTRUED. I AM QUITE PREPARED TO LOOK AT THE QUESTION AGAIN AFTER A BIT OF TIME HAS ELAPSED FOLLOWING THE CURRENT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS THAT THE SECRETARY IS CONDUCTING.

2. I AM AWARE, TOO, THAT A SENIOR BRITISH NAVAL OFFICER RECENTLY VISITED EGYPT. WHILE THE TOTALLY DISPARATE US
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AND UK ROLES IN CURRENT ME SITUATION IMPOSE CERTAIN

RESTRAINTS ON US UNDER WHICH BRITISH DO NOT HAVE TO OPERATE,
BE ASSURED THAT I SHARE DESIRE THAT US NAVY RECEIVE
FULL CREDIT FOR EXCELLENT JOB IT IS DOING IN
NIMBUS STAR OPERATION AND WILL LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITY
WHEN COMSIXTHFLT VISIT IS POLITICALLY FEASIBLE.

3. REALIZE PROBLEM OF REFINEMENT OF ESTIMATED COMPLETION
DATES REMAINS BUT IF THIS IS A MATTER OF IMMEDIATE URGENCY,
I WOULD HOPE THIS COULD BE DONE EITHER BY CORRESPONDENCE
OR BY SENDING APPROPRIATE OFFICER OF COMSIXTHFLT STAFF TO
EXPLORE MATTER WITH COMMANDER CTF-65.
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